

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION**

**ORDER OF PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

The Commission issues this order of private reprimand to a judge for violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, SCR 4.300, Canon 3B(8).

Canon 3B(8) requires a judge to dispose of all judicial matters promptly, efficiently, and fairly. The judge in question allowed cases in his court to remain active, in some cases for several years, without ruling on pending motions or issuing final orders.

The judge recognizes that allowing cases to languish delays and disrupts the administration of justice. The judge has taken immediate steps to move his cases forward by rendering timely dispositions and is committed to taking additional corrective action, including case reporting and monitoring for six (6) months.

The Commission appreciates the judge's candor and willingness to address these issues. However, all judges must be diligent in managing their cases so that all parties who appear before the court are able to be heard and have their cases decided in a timely manner. Based upon the foregoing conduct, the judge is hereby privately reprimanded.

In issuing this private reprimand, the Commission duly considered that the judge fully cooperated in the investigation.

Date: September 7, 2016

  
Stephen D. Wolnitzek, Chair